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**THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN :** (a) In the North Arcot district, under sales tax, the percentage of balance to demand was 50 as on 31st March 1957 and 44 as on 31st March 1959. The bulk of the arrears in each of these two years is due from the tanners and dealers in hides and skins. The tanners and dealers in hides and skins have been granted concessions in the matter of paying the arrears of sales tax due by them in view of the slump in their trade and the consequent difficulties caused to them. They have been permitted to pay in 72 monthly instalments the arrears due from them for the years prior to 1953-54 and in six quarterly instalments the arrears of tax due by them for the years 1953-54 to 1956-57.

(b) Wherever the arrears are not covered by appeals or revisions or by the concessions granted by the Government, action has been taken to collect the arrears as provided for under the Act.

*Lock-outs and strikes*

\* 380 Q.—**SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the names of companies which have declared lock-outs in the months of April and May 1959 in (i) the City of Madras; (ii) Coimbatore; and (iii) Madurai;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to lift the said lock-outs;

(c) the names of companies whose workers had struck work in the above places during the same period; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to enable the workers to resume work?

**THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN :** (a) to (d) A statement <sup>a</sup> is placed on the table of the House.

**SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI :** இந்த லாக் அவுட்களைச் செய்த முதலாளிகள் அதை மீட்க முன் வரவிட்டால் அரசாங்கம் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்கள்? லாக் அவுட் செய்து அவைகளை இன்னும் மீட்காத முதலாளிகள் எத்தனை பேர்கள் என்பதைச் சொல்ல முடியுமா?

**THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN :** லாக் அவுட் செய்வதை இண்டஸ்ட்ரியல் டிஸ்பூட் ஆக்ட் பிரகாரம் கோர்ட்டிக்கு அனுப்ப முடியும். அவசியமானால் அந்த லாக் அவுட்டை எடுத்து விட வேண்டும் என்று சொல்லி சட்டப்படி ஒரு உத்தரவு போடலாம். அவ்வாறு எத்தனை பேர்கள் இப்பொழுது இருக்கிறார்கள் என்பதை நான் கொடுத்த விஸ்டிலுள்ள கணக்கை போட்டுப் பார்த்தால் தெரியும்.

*Textile mills*

\* 381 **MR. SPEAKER :** கனம் அங்கத்தினர் ஸ்ரீ கே. ராமச்சந்திரன் இடத்தில் இல்லாததால் கேள்வியும் பதிலும் சட்டசபை விவாத வெளியீட்டில் அச்சடிக்கப்படும்.

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Q.—SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Textile Mills remaining closed as on 30th April 1959 in our State;

(b) the reasons for their closure; and

(c) the steps taken to reopen them?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (a) Four Mills, They are—

(i) Kaleeswarar Mills,

(ii) Sri Mahaganapathy Mills,

(iii) Edward Textiles; and

(iv) Viswam Mills.

(b) In the case of Kaleeswarar Mills, Edward Textiles and Viswam Mills, the closure was due to loss in working and in the case of Sri Mahaganapathy Mills, it was due to lack of finance.

(c) In the case of Kaleeswarar Mills a scheme was prepared for taking over the Mills by Government on lease and submitted to the High Court. Two other schemes were prepared by private parties also. But all the three schemes were not acceptable to the High Court. The efforts of the Government were therefore not successful. As regards Sri Mahaganapathy Mills, attempts were made to contact the Managing Agent and to induce him to reopen the Mills. Discussions were also held with the Labour Union. But due to insurmountable financial difficulties the Mills could not be reopened. In regard to the other two Mills, no dispute was raised over the closure and as such, no action was taken to get them reopened.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : It is now 9-30. You may close the question hour.

MR. SPEAKER : There is one minute more. I thank the hon. Member for reminding me in time. (Laughter).

*Neiveli Project.*

\* 382 Q.—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : } Will  
SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI : }  
the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the progress of implementation of the Integrated Lignite Project of Neiveli as it stands up to date; and

(b) the stage at which the following schemes of the project are :

(i) the mining scheme,

(ii) the thermal power station scheme,

(iii) fertiliser schemes; and

(iv) briquetting and carbonising scheme?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : A statement <sup>a</sup> is placed on the table of the House.